Medical aid to Noornad.

249. * MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Government have received representations from the people of Noornad and adjoining pakuthies for the opening of a dispensary at Noornad; and

(*b*) if so, what action has been taken thereon?

DR. S. JOHN: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Arrangements have been made to dispense medicines to the outside public from the dispensary attached to the Leprosy Sanatorium, Noornad.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: With regard to the arrangement made to dispense medicines to the public outside Noornad, May I know from what date the arrangement has been made?

DR. S. JOHN: One of the doctors there, is dispensing medicine from the dispensary that is available to the outside public. But, for people inside, there is the sick ward.

The District Hospital, Alleppey.

250. MR. P. S. MOHAMED (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the scheme of work sanctioned by the Government for improving the District Hospital, Alleppey;

(*b*) whether the department has done any improvement in the hospital under the scheme;

(*c*) if not, the reasons for the same; and

(*d*) if they have done any, the nature of the same?

DR. S. JOHN: (*a*) Construction of additional wards and providing other amenities for accommodating 300 patients.

Remodelling of existing buildings, postings of additional staff including specialists.

Introduction of X-Ray and other special branches of Electro-Therapeutics.

Introduction of Unit System.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Does not arise in view of answer to part (b)

(*d*) 1. Unit System has been introduced, an additional Deputy Surgeon being placed in charge of Medical Wards.

2. Orders have been placed for a Thermospectral lamp for Ultra Violet and Infra Red Therapy (Light treatment). It is expected to be installed in a few days' time.

3. Opening of an Ophthalmic Section under an experienced person.

4. Supply of an Ambulance Van for the conveyance of patients.

5. Preparation of the plan and lay-out of the new buildings are being carried on.

6. Additional subordinate staff has been posted.

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MR. P. S. MOHAMED : ഇപ്പോഴുള്ള ഹോസ്പിറ്റലിൽ ഏതെങ്കിലും ഇംപ്രൂവ്മെൻറ് ചെയ്യാൻ ഏർപ്പാട് ചെയ്തിട്ടുണ്ടോ ?

DR. S. JOHN : ഏർപ്പാട് ചെയ്തിട്ടുണ്ട്.

MR. P S. MOHAMED : എന്തെല്ലാമാണ് ?

DR S. JOHN : ആലപ്പി ഹോസ്പിറ്റലിൽ, ഒരു മെറ്റേർണിറ്റി വാർഡ്, ധാരാളം ബെഡ്സ്, ഇവയൊക്കെ ഉണ്ടാക്കാൻ പ്ലാൻ തയാറാക്കിക്കഴിഞ്ഞു. എക്സ്റേ മുതലായതിനു ആർഡറും കൊടുത്തു. Things have already come to Bombay.

PRESIDENT : The honourable member cannot answer the question in both the languages (*Laughter*).

MR. P. S. MOHAMED: May I know whether anything has been done in the matter of preparation of the plan and lay-out of the new building ?

DR. S. JOHN : Yes it is being done.

Dispensary at Kodumon in Kunnathur Taluk.

251. * MR. M. K. NILAKANTAN : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the Surgeon-General has inspected the site as per orders from the Government ; and

(*b*) whether he has submitted any report about his inspection to Government, and has placed the facts about the dispensary before the Committee of the Medical Board ?

DR. S. JOHN : (*a*) No ; as the committee decided that two of its members and not the Surgeon-General should inspect the site.

(*b*) Does not arise in view of answer to (a).

MR. M. K. NILAKANTAN : May I know from the member whether there was not an order from the Dewan that he must inspect the site and submit a report to Government ?

DR. S. JOHN : Of course, the Surgeon-General paid a visit to the place. The Medical Advisory Committee members also went and inspected the site and they sent a report to me and I have forwarded it to Government.

Victoria Hospital, Quilon.

252. * MR. K. A. MOHAMED : (*Quilon* cum *Kottarakara*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of beds in the Victoria Hospital, Quilon ;

(*b*) whether there is any proposal to increase the number ; and

(*c*) what action Government have taken in this matter ?

DR. S. JOHN : (*a*) Sixty six.

(*b*) and (*c*) Owing to the insufficiency of accommodation a new out-patient block has been constructed and the out-patient dispensary has been converted into wards.

MR. K. A. MOHAMED: May I know the number of in-patients treated in the Victoria Hospital, Quilon, at a time ?

DR. S. JOHN : The average number is about 60.

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